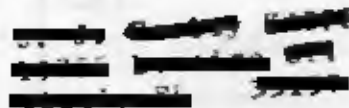


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QSO Party a Success

Question: What's more nerve racking than being a cat with a long tail in a room full of rocking chairs? Answer: Competing in the just completed 1970 Florida QSO Party and fighting the lousy conditions.

There was much activity on

NEW NOVICE NET

Recently a new Novice Teenage Net was formed by WN4OAI and Philip Reid, WN4ONC, 2928 De Soto Way South, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33712. The "NTN" meets each Sunday morning at 11 a.m. on 7180 kHz. They handle traffic and average about 4 messages per session. NCS is WN4PKP and WN4ONC, who is waiting for his General ticket to arrive, is net manager. They use strict net procedure and are in no way in competition with the NHN Novice Hurricane Net. For details drop Philip a card.

SET RESULTS

Here are some of our 1970 SET scores. We are disappointed more E. Fla. ECs did not participate or send in scores. For shame.

Polk	WA4WZZ EC - 347
Dade	WB4CBP EC - 449
Broward	WB4CKY EC - 319
Indian River	WA4SCK - 84
Osceola	WB4FJY - 83
Flagler-Volusia	WB4BPO - 81
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Columbia	W4YNM - 75
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forty through 15 meters and none on seventy-five as the repetitive call of "QRZ-Florida contest" reverberated through the ham shacks of hundreds of amateurs. Florida hams felt like rare DX as one call very often would receive ten or twenty replies at a time. High power was the secret this year, as there were no power multipliers. Flori-peditors to rare counties helped the out-of-state contesters rack up valuable points as they competed for the single trophy, FLORIDA SKIP will award. Florida hams in good number turned out for the two days of operation to compete for the three trophies that we will give

to Floridians. Judging by the activity, even in the closing moments of the contest, interest in the QSO Party remains high.

Scores have not been received and checked, yet, of course. Results and awards will be announced in either the July or August editions of SKIP. Incidentally, next year we will announce some new wrinkles in the rules so watch for them.

Send your 1970 Florida QSO Party logs and summary sheet with your name, call, claimed score, category, station location, etc. to QSO Party, c/o Florida Skip, P.O. Box 501, Miami Springs, Fla., 33166. All logs must be postmarked no later than May 30, 1970.



RALPH CODY, W4BNI AND Ray Murphy, W4BNE, man the controls of their portable station at the Tampa Red Cross during the Easter traffic exercise. Sponsored by the Tampa Amateur Radio Club and led by W4BNE, EC for Hillsborough County, a total of 151 messages to military overseas were handled. (see story elsewhere)

SKIP ON TAPE

FLORIDA SKIP this month is conducting a feasibility survey among its readers to determine the need for recording this publication for blind hams. For the past two months, we have been reading SKIP on tape for Dick, W4SKC, and he in turn has been passing the tape to other sightless amateurs in his community, Orlando.

We have acquired the services of Sound Productions of South Miami, and Tandy Way, K4YSN, to dub FLORIDA SKIP for statewide distribution. We have also lined up several interested persons to read sections of the magazine. If the demand for an audio FLORIDA SKIP is large enough, say ten or more amateurs, then the service will begin with the June issue.

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Once again, we are deeply sorry to report the following Florida Amateurs:

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& W6BEJ.



Letters To Editor

Editor:

I am the 19 year old daughter of Abe Adams, WA4SIB, and I'd like to complement you on a job very well done on FLORIDA SKIP. When dad receives a copy in the mail, I read it just like he does and I'm not even a ham radio operator at all. I do love to read the magazine! It is truly interesting to me and congratulations on a good job of printing.

Yours truly & 73

Susan H. Adams
Marianna, Fla.

(Editors note: Gosh, someone took time out to tell us they like SKIP. Thanks Susan!)

This is my very first letter to any editor, so you have the dubious honor of being the first of many.

This letter is primarily an answer to W4FPC's comments concerning a standard phonetic alphabet. I have always advocated a standard alphabet, — but who is going to convince the guys who keep changing it?

I first learned the phonetics in the Navy in 1943. Even then they changed some of the letters in the brief time we had to learn

them. Back then we were taught — ABLE, BAKER, CHARLIE, and DOG. My 1969 summer issue of the foreign call book magazine says to use — ADAM, BAKER, CHARLIE, and DAVID. Yet, six short months later W4FPC advises us it is — ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, and DELTA. Please now, do you really expect everyone to change his language every few months? Why should I learn the current alphabet and try to forget it next month?

Personally, I believe that changing the alphabet with each house payment is as stupid as the paragraph in my amateur handbook advising me to check with my neighbors to find out if I'm causing T.V.I. 29 from W4 WASHINGTON, LONDON, KILOWATT.

W4WLK ex K4LJB and K4QNO.

Kenneth G. Wilson
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Indian Harbour Beach,
Fla. 32935

To The Editor:

With reference to your letter to the Editor in the April 1970 "Florida Skip",

(Continued on Page 11)

GUEST EDITORIAL

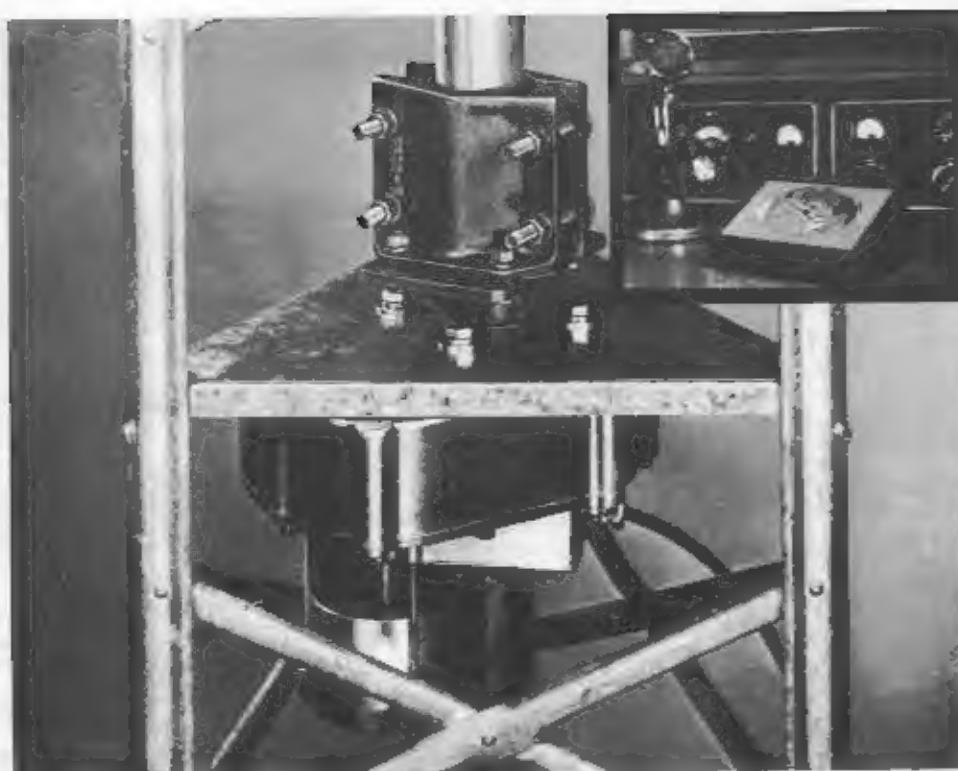
Ever since the discovery of the vacuum tube and the birth of amateur radio, we have been plagued with problems resulting from the proximity of neighbors; non-ham neighbors, who are ignorant and apathetic about our hobby and the service we render. Throughout the years, amateurs have been on the receiving end of restrictive laws covering antennas, lawsuits arising from alleged TVI, etc. Most of these harassments have been beaten back by us, but at great financial and moral expense. Yet the disturbances go on.

Much thought has been given as to how to prevent further attacks directed at us from outsiders. This in turn has led us to an interesting theory and a solution to resolving these crimes. There appears to be a direct proportion between the number of lawsuits, disabling legislation, etc., and the amount of public service activity, and the resulting publicity generated from such activity, in a local community. In other words there appears to be less trouble in those Florida communities that have an active local club and Public Service Corps. Where amateurs are active in providing needed communication services and at the same time are able to tell their story to the public through the news media, less problems are apparent.

Without naming names and specific communities, the various legal problems hams have faced, and have been fully reported on these pages during the past year, have occurred in communities with a weak or nonexistent public service organization. If your neighbor knows who you are and what you stand for, then maybe he won't be so eager to file a huge lawsuit against you for disrupting "Hee-Haw". If community leaders know what amateur radio as a group can provide during an emergency, then they will be less willing to enact restrictive conveniences against your fifty foot tower and forty meter beam.

In short this is an appeal for those of you whose entire amateur career is limited to chasing counties and collecting certificates, to, once in a while, help out at a shopping center exhibit, or become a communicator reporting snags in a long parade. When the big wind comes again this fall, you won't be much help, if all you can do is collect wallpaper. Contact your Emergency Coordinator. If your county doesn't have an Emergency Coordinator then organize an emergency group yourself and become an EC. We must let the public know that we are not in business just to cause TVI, but are extremely vital in providing communications in disasters. Before you become the next target of a lawsuit, get with it in public service.

73 — WA4ABY



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On-the-air Ham Radio facilities will be provided by the U.S. Navy's Washington voice in the amateur radio fraternity, K4NAA, operating daily from the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. during the three days of the Armed Forces Communication and Electronics Association Convention in June. AFCEA convention delegates with amateur radio licenses are invited to take advantage of the Navy's ham radio station to contact friends during the convention on June 2, 3, and 4.

The K4NAA fixed portable station will be operational from 0900 to 2200 EDST with two available positions for CW, SSB, and RTTY on the 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 meter bands.

A specially designed QSL card has been prepared to acknowledge contacts with licensed amateurs throughout the world who are invited to make contact during the AFCEA convention.

The Navy and AFCEA invite all amateur radio enthusiasts to visit K4NAA on June 2, 3, and 4.

GRID LEAKS

I have come to the conclusion that the most needed thing in amateur radio at the present time is an examination on the fundamentals and operation of a SSB including the care and feeding of a linear amplifier.

To permit any general licensee to operate a 2 kw PEP sideband rig in this day and age without demonstrating ability to do so, is akin to leaving grandpa change from his model T to a Thunderbird. It may be legal but it's also lethal.

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BUSY AT WORK ON new ideas for the Tampa 2 meter FM repeater, is Ken Kopp WA4HAA, President of the Tampa Repeater Assn. Look for him and many other FMers at the Orlando Hamfest May 23-24th.

(photo by K4JNW)

NOTICE HAMBARS USERS

We have been told by many many SKIP readers that our HAMBAR page is the only part they read each month. Fine — we want everyone to be happy!

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General news media and trade publications contain notes of caution to be observed in operation of microwave cooking ovens. Some are said to leak radiation in excess of accepted health standards. Hemorrhaging, increased probability of producing Mongoloid children, and other such hideous biological results are listed by qualified researchers.

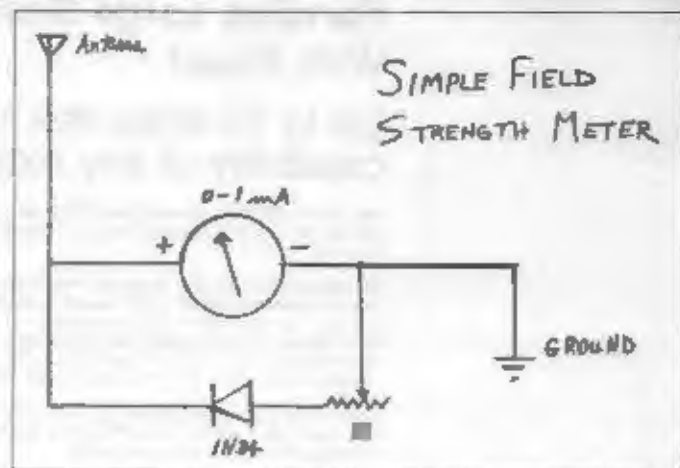
We will seek additional facts and standards in this matter. Meanwhile, beware that our "house of life" can stand just so much in the way of a dose of r-f radiation. Checkout that oven thoroughly before you buy.

(From PC News - W4CII Ed.)

There is nothing wrong in having nothing to say unless you insist on saying it.

Judge, speaking to con man: "How could you swindle these good people who trusted you so?"

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Some people have said a circuit this simple could not work and give good results. But it does work and anyone needing a field strength meter should give it a try.

Charles Durst WA4WTX
30 D. Player Rd.
Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32935



By J. R. Hopkin Jr.

AFC4END

Miami

One of the lesser known and publicized parts of the MARS program is that of youth training. Recently, Gary Jacobs WA4FDM, AFA4FDM, was appointed youth training manager for area 2. Gary, who lives in Miami is very active in attempting to aid those already in the program as well as those just getting started. The program was instituted to train young people in radio with the object in mind of having them become amateurs. In order to get help from Gary, it is only necessary that the sponsoring individual or group be capable of being trustee for a club station. If this requirement has been met, all that ensues depends on getting in touch with Gary and he'll take it from there. Gary stresses that it is not necessary that the club or individual sponsor be affiliated with the MARS program to apply for aid. Established groups are also invited to correspond with him for possible assistance in this direction. Gary's address is: 11180 S.W. 60th Terr. Miami, Fla. 33143.

Our time on the area 2 voice frequency has been cut from

three hours to two. The reason for this is that we must share the frequency with both area four and area six. Area four has been using a three meg freq until recently when it has become cluttered with interference with the coming of spring propagation. As you know we had borrowed the frequency from CCR originally and have been fortunate not to lose it altogether. The transition period was done smoothly and with a minimum of confusion with the usual MARS spirit of cooperation so lacking in other places nowadays. One result of this restriction of time has been the necessity of the NCS's to cut to a minimum all extraneous transmissions in order to utilize the time left as frugally as possible. We all hope this temporary sharing will be resolved rapidly and with a minimum of inconvenience to all involved.

Don't forget the meeting at Orlando May 23 and 24. As the date nears more and more of our staunchest members are requesting particulars about it. This speaks well for the Hamfest as well as the MARS meeting. I look forward to going for both reasons.



SUMMER IS HERE FOLKS. Florida ham campers are making plans to attend the Annual Brandon Amateur Radio Society camporee which will be held June 12, 13 and 14th at the Florida Camplands Campground north of Dade City, Fla. For details write Gene Burton WA4YNW, 120 Morrow Cir. Brandon, Fla. 33511. Bring your kids and rig.

(Photo by W4IKB)

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VERO BEACH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

By Grover, W4DFZ

Been waiting anxiously for April "FLORIDA SKIP" to read the story of our recent dinner party that was held for the purpose of installing our new officers of the VBARC. However, Skip received and no story. What happened Shirley?

Shirley, K4M2T, is former secretary and present assistant editor of "AMATEUR RADIO NEWS SERVICE."

Anyway, even though this is a little late, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Thomas E. Moyer, W4KEE, Pres.; Grover W. Gnewuch, W4DFZ, Vice Pres.; Dennis Vantz, W4YFY, Sec.-Treas. The following from out of state, some of whom are also members of the VBARC, are as follows: W9CMC, Winnetka, IL and VB; W9UAZ, Lincoln, IL; W1SK, Mirror Lake, N.H.; and Charles Rex K4M2S, Ed and Evelyn Cathon (friends of the Rex's Ray Wardle, W4FMU-WB4PLQ, Morgantown, W. Va. All were accompanied by their wives except Dr. Starkweather whose wife was ill. The party was held at the "BEEF" on the beach and the manager, Paul Fieselman, K4KJQ also attended. The dinner was just wonderful, roast beef and the trimmings.

A HOME SHOW was recently held in Vero Beach, sponsored by the rotary club. It lasted four days. W4TZ being a member of the rotary club was elected chairman of the committee assisted by Ray, W4FMU-WB4PLQ and Ted Matucha, K4AGU. They did a fine job of getting our club well represented by setting up a station and sending QTC's, originating at the show, all over the world. You can bet your sweet BIPPEE that LJ, W44SK was in charge of that (CW) assisted by other members of the club.

SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Cathy Soehl
W4RAV AREA ARNS

SPARC (St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club) had an interest meeting April 4th when Jack Wilson and Fred Carlson, of the International Resistance Corp., a Division of TRW, Inc., explained the manufac-

turing and uses of resistors. There was standing room only by the time the meeting opened and the material distributed by the speakers fell short, but the crowd learned much and had their questions answered.

W4TDK, Naomi Spence, Secretary of SPARC, is a great Aunt. Nephew, Jimmy's wife presented him with an 8 lb. boy, whom they named Ernest James Reese III. Congrats!

As there was so much interest in the million dollar case against W4GJO, "Grid" Gridley thought it would be well to mention that the party who brought the case against Grid, passed away and was buried March 23rd. As reported previously, however, the case had been withdrawn.

The SPARC will be on the air starting April 11th, covering the St. Petersburg-Yucatan Yacht Races and passing progress of the race to the St. Petersburg Yacht Club for press releases. YESPL call will be used at a temporary station on Isla Mujeres Island. Frequencies from Mexican Amateurs will be 21.340, 14.345, 3.830.

The organization CARS sounds well worthwhile, as it is a Coast to Coast Amateur Radio Service; with the Net monitoring 7255 & 7258 KCs, so that anyone travelling and mobile, may get assistance of any kind. They will use CW, AM and SSB phone for anyone interested: for ECARS (East States) contact Lt. Col. George Van Dyke, W3HK, 9607 Convent Lane, Phila., Pa. 19114; WCARS: Leon Stanley, W7DK-B, 139 "F" St., Salt Lake City, Utah 84105 and MIDCAR: Ronald Mann, Sr., W4NKKD, 1645 Leahy St., Muskegon, Mich. 49442.

Hope all wrote protest on Florida HR-1121 841, Re: Auto Tags.

QCWA

SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER

This marks our third monthly dinner meeting to spark the unusual activity of the Miami-Lauderdale group of the QCWA. Many new faces showed which was a welcome and encouraging sign. Most of those present are active on the air bands with close to 40 years in the game.

To renew the old "Wireless" spirit, this dinner-meeting was declared "Antique Variable Condenser Night". All members were urged to bring their 50 year old tuning condensers out of the attic for others to see. Among those shown at the table, was a 1915 Murdoch variable, minus the oil and glass case; a 1919 Paradox-Radio Corp. mercury mica variable, and a 1918 huge variable (120 plates) taken from a IP-361 long wave receiver. A "Low Loss" variable of the era 1925 was the very latest shown.

Next meeting, May 7th, Thursday evening 7 PM will be our "KEY" mtn. Don't miss this key note of the year, we will have election of officers mostly, with a showing of old time telegraph keys of the 1900-1925 era. You are invited to bring your own key with interesting history behind it. We need a "sidewriter" and an "English pump handle" if you have one. This is quarter century wireless - let's see what we can do about it! Next month, we promise a list of everyone in attendance at our key dinner and please be prompt at 7 PM so we can get that food out of the galley by 7:05. Election of officers at 7:30 sharp.

W4JO Sec.-Treas.

FLORIDA VHF SSBers

Not much in the way of news this time, but I guess every one is getting ready for the Orlando Hamfest the 23rd and 24th. We also hope to make it this time and meet as many as possible.

Am back full time at WFBF radio and with the new remote studios being opened in St. Marys, Georgia, I am getting kind of bored in amateur radio, so sharpen those pencils and get me some notes this way.

Hope to have a picture of another queen for next month. April 2nd was the annual "Miss Camden County, Georgia" beauty parade, and the reigning queen is Miss Susan Gunt of Woodbine, Georgia (the beautiful daughter of K4VSR) and driven to the parade this year by K4LFF.

73 for this time. . . See you all next month.

QCWA

"GATOR CHAPTER"

By "Wes" Edmonds W4TPA

Greetings and salutations to you GATORS. Another F.B. meeting was held at the Causeway Inn on April 4th. There were 42 who sat down to an excellent dinner. Now you take an appetizer (or) at the BAR BEE CUE and a good meal and you have a formula which is hard to beat for a real wholesome social and business combo.

Hal, our indispensable secretary brought us up to date on all correspondence and after a reading of a letter from "ANDY" a motion was made and carried that all future subscriptions to SKIP will be at the regular rate and not at the club rate as before.

Dave, K4KE, gave a report on the progress of the Radio Club at the Sheriff's Boy's Ranch. A request for crystals falling in the Novice band was made by Dave. If any one having a rock falling in the 40 or 75 meter Novice bands, help in a good work by giving it to the Boy's Club. Just mail it to Dave.

An excellent report was given by Bob, W4YK on his visit to the IEEE. Among the several items of business under discussion was that of the apparent falling off of new members in the amateur ranks and several good ideas and suggestions were made which would help to stimulate interest in this field. There will be more action on this subject at our future meetings. I think all will agree that the highest pinnacle of enthusiasm occurred when Lawson received a rousing ovation for his extra curricula activities during the meeting.

Our next dinner meeting will be at the Orlando Hamfest on May 23rd. The dinner

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will be held at the Cafeteria across the street from the Hilton Inn the same as last year. This should be one of the biggest meetings of the year so be sure and get your reservations in to Hal Bates, WA4FIU, 84 Ventura Dr., Duneedin, Fla. 33528. This will be the last dinner meeting until October, so let us all make a special effort to get out and have real fine time and get to eye ball so many of our contacts and old friends we never get a chance to meet except at this time.

SOUTHERN SECTION COUNTRY COUSINS

By Cathy Soehl
WB4AV AREA ARNS

The Southern Section of the Country Cousins will have their annual meeting, election of officers and breakfast at Howard Johnson Restaurant, Orlando, Fla., at 6:00 AM EDT, May 24th. Hope to see all the "Cousins" at the Hamfest and breakfast. Any info on breakfast, contact WA4YVK, Roy Barnes.

The Country Cousins will be easily identified at Hamfests, etc. by the new badges they will be wearing. WB4DRM, Howard McNeely is handling the orders for same for those sending him the required name, \$1.00.

WB4OKS, Coleman Smith, Thursday night Alt. Net Control, was calling the Net when he received a telephone call from Huntsville, Ala. advising his father had passed away, having suffered a heart attack. What a shock! Heartfelt sympathy from all the "Cousins".

Mirna May Lewis, XYL of K4GZ, is home from the hospital recuperating from a recent gall bladder operation. WA4UJX, "Doc" Putnam is back on the air after quite a "bout" with pneumonia. WASRG, Art LaPlant had his second cataract operation. When released from the hospital, some of the boys picked him up and took him immediately to a QCWA-Citrus Chapter luncheon. Helen Duncan, XYL of W4LTW, is making a satisfactory recovery and has lost quite a bit of weight. WB4GSX, Harvie Cranford was also missing from the Net. He now reports it was due to his also suffering from pneumonia. Good luck to all our sick "Cousins" with a quick recovery all around.

WB4LBT (ex WB4CAT), Dave Fellows is now K4EBN. He is getting hard to keep up with, as just as we get used to one call, he signs in with another. Hi!

Freda Offenbutter, XYL of K4BLM, has recuperated from her operation; however, is scheduled for another end of April. Good luck!

I.R.A.R.C. NEWS

By S. T. Walker, Sr. W4FWB

The Indian River Amateur Radio Club of Cocoa participated in the Florida QSO Party last weekend. Thanks to Norm, WB4EBN, for the use of his QTH. We operated the club as a single transmitter station. This is the first time this operator had a DX Station call me for a contact. Conditions were just right for Germany into Central Florida Sunday afternoon. We enjoyed the operation and it was good practice for Field Day. I understand that the QRMM from Florida was terrible up "Nawth".

I would like to thank Len, W4UDJ, of Birmingham for his phone patch to my Mother on Easter Sunday. The fine part was making it a 5-way patch into B-Ham. My brothers, Ray, W4DHL in Watertown, Mass., and Floyd, WA4NOA - O in Baudette, Minn., and myself worked Lou, W4UJD, into Birmingham on 20 Meters and all of us got to talk to our Mother via the conference patch. We keep a regular schedule with Ray and Floyd every Sunday morning at 1530 GMT on 21.285

talk.

BILL WB4BSH, has a new pre-amp in his "Motorac" and is hearing signals on 2 Meters FM that we can't hear. Jim, WB4AL, is back off vacation now and on 2 Meters FM every morning on way to work. The Florida West Coast boys have been putting in very strong signals into Central Brevard.

The Orlando Hamfest is on May 23-24th. We are always glad to see all our friends again and always enjoy this event. C U there.

DELTONA NEWS

By John P. Six W4YPA

Deltona CD net met 7:30 PM every Friday night during the month of March. 12 simulated emergency messages originated and a round table followed each meeting and enjoyed by all Deltona members. Net control's W4YPA rig was on the work bench the 27th and Bob K4DRJ handled the net and did a very fine job.

W4MZE Doc reports that his rotor striped gears on his 48 meter beam. Doc is home from hospital and doing real fine.

Ralph, K4MY had visitors from his home town Erie, Pa. K4NNW, Clarence XYL of his son John K3QZV Sue son John is W4SPB.

Rick, W4YLR had visitors W4RHZ and W4JL.

Dusty, W4WVT also had visitors from one of his old Pittsburgh buddies, W4SHT. Had an eye ball with WA4CIQ, Howard Powell, of Orange City, Florida and invited him to join the Deltona CD net.

HARS NEWS

By Roy Scott, W4UHF

Now that everyone is thinking about Hamfests, (St. Petersburg May 17th and Orlando May 23 and 24th), at the last club meeting the date of the TAMPA HAMFEST sponsored by HARS was set as October 11, 1970 and will be held in Lowry Park as it has been for the past 2 years.

President George Dixon, WA4VQT announced that the club publication "HARSCOPE" had a new editor, "Doc" Phipps of Zephyrhills has accepted the job. He has had considerable experience in this field and we are all happy to have him handling this important phase of club activity. New committees were announced: Bob Floyd, Entertainment and Refreshments - Clyde Smith, K4JNQ, Welcoming and Programs - Fred Stadenberg, WA4YAK and Paul Bick, WA4JYD continue on the TVI committee, and Roy Scott, W4UHF, "Florida Skip" and Hamfest Publicity.

The HARS Novice License classes held at Chamberlain High School have been completed and 15 students between the ages of 15 and 83 are now awaiting their new tickets. Paul Young, W4NQX and Roy Scott, W4UHF handled the CW instruction, and Herb Brown and Clyde Smith, K4JNQ were theory instructors. The fine



WHO SAID 10 METERS is dead? Here is Hank Projansky, W1GSI 4 our SKIP CARTOONIST, operating a SWAN 500C with a portable 10 meter ground plane atop ye editors VW bus. "W4IYT dis is DLACL you are 9 plus 20 here in Germany . . ."
(SKIP Photo)

cooperation of Hillsborough County School officials who arranged for the use of the Language Laboratory with individually wired booths is gratefully acknowledged. The Laboratory permitted conducting 4 classes simultaneously on the 4 tape decks. The CW tapes were prepared by Roy Scott.

In a further effort to promote ham radio, the HARS Code Class Committee is making every effort to assist new hams in selecting equipment, station set-up, operating procedure, safety, FCC regulations, antennas, etc., all of which help towards making better hams and thus improve the public image of amateur radio in accordance with the policies of the Club. 73

DADE COUNTY ARPSC

By Boris Kirilloff, WB4LKC

The Dade County ARPSC has been involved in many activities in the past few months.

Congratulations to the following members in joining the ranks of the higher class ops - WB4KGB, WB4KQB, WB4JK-C, WB4JJH. The Corps also has a couple of new hams who are now members. These include WN4OYA, WN4ONR, WN4QAL and the XYL of WB4LBB who is awaiting her ticket.


HOLLYWOOD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Minnie Levine WA4RLS

We are sorry to report that Jerry Combs WB4MT had to resign as President, due to personal commitments. We are happy to announce that Jim Moran WB4FMZ was elected to the presidency. Kevin Bunin WB4HML is our new and able Vice President.

Jim, Kevin and Tom WB4CKY are

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CLUB NEWS

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teaching a class for novices each Thursday night and are reporting a good turn-out of would-be hams.

Our membership is growing rapidly and it looks like our new club might become a good and active one in this area. We've grown to 52 members in just three months.

We meet in the Science Lab of Chamusca High school on the third Monday of each month at 8 PM.

BREVARD REPEATER ASSOCIATION

By Mark Mancy W4FJE

This is the month of the big Apollo 13 at the Cape and the pre-launch tests cut our normal attendance somewhat, but we had a very good meeting with about twelve in attendance including Dave Hall, W4TOD, and two others from Orlando.

Dave came over to fill us in on the Hamfest in May. We have received several reservations for the Jamaica Inn, which is next to the Hilton. The Jamaica will be the center of activity for FM ops. We are planning several seminars and a technical session. Ed Rasmussen, W4CYE, told me his confirmation on representatives from three speakers at this time and is working on a fourth.

This month's meeting was taken up with discussion of the new proposed FM Repeater rules and a status report on our repeater which is presently at K4GYO's QTH.

Hope to see everyone at the Orlando

BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Gene Burton W4YNN

The Brandon Amateur Radio Society met April 13 at the First Federal Hospitality Room, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker was Herb McKelvey, Supervising Engineer, Protection, of General Telephone. He spoke and showed a film on "Lightning Protection." This was a very timely subject and was a very well planned program.

B.A.R.S. has mailed a campground folder, program and registration blank to all known hams who camp around the state. If you are interested and did not get this material, drop a line to B.A.R.S., P.O.



SETTING UP SHOP at the Orlando Hamfest will be Jim, K4FQH (left) from St. Pete Beach and Dan, K4EHY, E. Fla. RM of Tampa. They also can be found daily on the QN or QFN.

Box 838, Brandon, Florida 33511, or contact Gene W4YNN. See our ad elsewhere in FLORIDA SKIP.

B.A.R.S. currently has 34 paid members. This is a very active club, and we invite you to stop in at our meetings any time (second Monday, 7:30, First Federal, Brandon). We, as a club, as well as individuals, are fighting the proposed license plate law, particularly the \$5.00 fee.

Now that spring is here, ham activities are bustling out all over. St. Pete Hamfest, Orlando Hamfest, BARS Ham Camporee, followed by Field Day — Whee!

GULFSTREAM SOCIETY OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, INC.

By Al Suhr, WB4AID

Did you ever see a Treasurer generate 100 percent dues collections during the first month of the fiscal year? That is what Frank Piverotto, W4YBN, did for the Society. On the second meeting he had it all wrapped up — man, that must be some kind of a record! As a matter of fact, we had 90 percent attendance at the last regular meeting — that may also be considered as a pretty fair record.

Congratulations are in order to Steve Mandell, WB4DVH and Frank Piverotto, W4YBN for their promotion to EXTRA CLASS. They worked hard for that new certificate and we are all pleased that they made the grade.

The Society has gained three new

members, each has responded to our letter of invitation to participate. Kenneth A. Freeman, W4AMW, who works for RCA Arnold Sommerfield, W4PKO and his son Neil Sommerfield, W4PKP. This father and son team graduated from the novice class of instruction which the Society conducted last year. Both are very active on the Novice bands and are waiting for the General Class to start. Arnold is in insurance — Neil is in school.

President Dick Kidder, WB4AKH, is in the process of conducting a survey in an effort to determine preferences of members. Some of the suggestions seem to indicate that much thought is being put into the answers — especially in connection with a picnic with radio activity at the same time. This will be the first effort at such an undertaking since our organization was implemented about four years ago. Since all the paper work has been concluded, this should be a welcome change to the members.

The FM repeater is really a wonderful asset to our group. We are in the middle arranging vast improvements in order to be ready for local emergency service should the need arise.

We are awaiting the Orlando Hamfest date to arrive. SEE YOU THERE — WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU!

FLORIDORA NEWS

By Alma Burton W4YNN

K4RHL, Ellie and K4JGU, Muddred and her OM Phil are going to camp Albert Butler this summer to upgrade their

licenses.

W4WFD, Shirley and OM Earl visited Waltur, Mim and her OM. Walt is better following a heart attack, but not very active yet. Shirley and Earl had a wonderful visit from their son, Russell. Time just flew, Shirley says.

W4EHN, Betty has knitted sweaters with sailboats on the back for her grandson and granddaughter, as boats are their special hobby. Congratulations to Betty on being elected vice-regent of the D.A.R., also to Caddy, W4ASH on being made assistant vice-president of the bank where she works.

K4CVR, Bessie spent a week in St. Pete with her sister who had been hospitalized. Sympathy is extended to Ellie in the death of her father-in-law in New York. Ellie was up there for a week. W4KOH, Ernie's mother-in-law is with her and is recovering nicely from a slight stroke.

W4BIL, Fran has installed a pre-amp on her mike, and her signal can now be heard much better. Fran and Bill went for a weekend in March to Sheriff's Boy's Ranch near Live Oak, where Bill conducted Amateur Radio Classes for the boys. The guest house there is lovely.

K4RNS, Marge had a visit from her brother-in-law and his wife from Pa. Marge has been planting azaleas. W4KJM, Annette has put in a new bed of azaleas, too, though they don't do so well in South Florida.

We hope former Floridors, K4TBG, Catherine will soon be feeling fine again and will enjoy the summer in N.C.

See you at the SPARC Hamfest in St. Pete on May 17, and in Orlando May 23-24.

WESTERN FLORIDA NEWS

By Frank M. Butler, Jr.

W4UKH

Pensacola: K4LAN was appointed ORS and OD; W4GTS-4 was appointed OPS. W4PMK and W4PYO are new Novices. W4DVM moved up to Advanced Class. The W4UC repeater now has a solid-state I.D. generator and auto-patch.

Fort Walton: New Playgroup A.R.C. officers are: President, WB4NHH; Vice-Pres., WB4NJW; Sec'y-Treas., W4UKW; Activities Mgr., K4UBH. New hams include W4NPM, W4PNL, W4SWO and W4DDB. W4BYE operated on 2m from hospital while recovering from recent illness. Several FM'ers are going to 146.88 to get away from 94 QRM. K6QPH 4 ran up a high score on CW in the Fla. QSO Party. W4FDJ was also active. The FM club station at W4ZBR is operational on 94 and the repeater channel.

Panama City: PCARC has been reactivated, with new officers W4APIZ, K4HLU-4 and W4PNJ. W4JMC was awarded a plaque of the annual banquet. K4HLU-4 is on the 2m FM. The Tyndall club is setting up a ham station, separate from the MARS facility.

Wewahatcha: W4QBW just got his ticket. Tallahassee: K4GRD and K4VFY operated portable from race liberty County during the Fla. QSO Party. W4LOQ passed Advanced Class exam, and is studying for Extra.

TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

Information for those members, especially, who are "absentees"!!

TARC held the "ceremonial enthroning" of the newly elected officers and members of the Board of Directors at a social dinner-meeting, Monday evening, April 6th in a private dining room of the decorous "Causeway Inn".

The well known "BPL Queen," Mae Burke, W4CUL, and her "OM" W4VR AL, were our special guests. Mae can "lickle" the ivories of a piano, as well as "pound" a

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key!! Mae and Al were our guests last year and we surely enjoyed the piano and "gang-singing" during the "social hour", which preceded the dinner!!

Our new officers and board members are as follows: K4YHG, President; W4BTP-4, Vice-President; WB4DJM, Treasurer; WA4GUP, Secretary, Board of Directors, K4GT, K4YBD, W4OZ, WB4-FAP, and WB4BAG. We join TARC in wishing the new officers and board members a most successful term of office!!

W4CTHY, George Orth, is still "going strong" in conducting his code-theory classes at clubhouse every Thursday 7:30 PM. The TARC VHF net is really "picking up" participation of members and non-members each Thursday at a PM on 2.4 MHz. Each TARC member is requested to "recruit" a new member, especially a young member (in age!!) We need the "drive" of youth, in order to better participate in such activities as "Field Day", etc.!!

We are looking forward to the completion, by our Building Committee, of certain alterations to doors, etc., to insure an improved "security" of our clubhouse radio-equipment!!

Upon notification by John Fogarty and Bill Holleyhead that our clubhouse is "secure", we will move to the recently acquired "gear" for W4DAG station - it is very heavy in weight and large!!!!

C U next month via this column!!!

B.A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson W4GDK

Another Auctionfest is now history. We had an attendance of 450, which is the largest we ever had. We're hoping we can have as active a Field Day.

Because Ted Champagne is being graduated from High School and moving on to college, he has resigned as Communications Manager of B.A.R.C. To replace him Bob Lloyd WB4LWQ of Hollywood has been appointed.

A Bceme instruction class has been started by the Club. It is going to combine members of our Club and members of the S.W. Ft. Lauderdale Boys Club. These classes will be held every Monday and Thursday evenings 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Call Zane McCrory WA4KXJ, 522-5674 about joining.

At our April meeting April 8, Don Reeves W4MDA is going to talk about Police Department Communications. After the April meeting a new Club roster is going to be put out.

The May meeting on May 13 is going to be Ladies Night. Welcome will be wives and girl friends. It is to be held at St. Clair's Cafeteria, 3801 W. Broward Blvd. Eating will begin at 8:30 PM and the meeting at 7:30.

Everyone interested in ham radio is welcomed at our meetings. Come and get acquainted. Normally our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Court House and anyone interested in ham radio is welcomed at our meetings. We're anxious to help you get started.

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSN.

By Hal Bates WA4PTU

The "GATOR" Chapter of the Q.C.W.A. met at the Causeway Inn, on the east end of the Courtney-Campbell Causeway in Tampa, on 5th of April. There were 42 members and their XYL's there. A real good meeting was enjoyed by all, it seems because many told me so. The meal was very tasty and plenty of it. The swap tables were not up to expectations, but that usually means that everyone was satisfied with their own equipment.

(One of the discussions, was about

Florida Skip, and believe it or not, we took some action on the amount we should pay per year for the magazine—and instead of taking the club discount of 50 cents per subscription, we voted to pay the full amount of \$2.00 to help good old Andy out of his squeeze with high cost of printing and mailing. A number of new and renew subscriptions were taken and mailed in to Andy. Keep up the good work Andy. We "Gators" appreciate it. (Thank Gang) A.C.)

The next meeting will be at the Orlando Handout on May 21 and 22. Luncheon is planned at the Cafeteria across the street from the Staller-Hilton on Sat. and plans are being made now for a dinner Sat. night somewhere.

NOFARS NEWS

By Billy Williams, WA4UFW

Despite the heavy cloud cover in the North Florida-South Georgia area during the eclipse of March 7th, amateur radio

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE CORPS

By Ken, W4SMK

The MARS programs qualify as a special type of public service, and so a few comments are in order. Public service in this area is somewhat restricted to MARS members, service personnel, and their relatives, but considerable good will can be generated even so. No matter what your personal feelings about Vietnam, it is pretty difficult not to have some feelings for the serviceman who is over there in your place.

Over seas phone patches on the MARS patch frequencies

are a fine contribution since telephone connections are often unavailable or very expensive in many foreign countries. This activity does not clutter up the amateur bands, which is also in its favor, and patches are available to some countries which do not permit third party amateur traffic.

Likewise formal traffic can be handled on the regular MARS traffic nets to US locations and to selected foreign countries, some of which are not available for third party amateur traffic. Add to this the MARS technical service programs, and the surplus equipment programs and you can understand why it is popular with many hams.

Looking in the call book you will find a considerable number of Technician and Conditional Class licensees in the MARS programs. It would appear that unfortunately many amateurs get side tracked in the MARS programs before they obtain higher classes of licenses. Many of these people are seldom or never active on the amateur bands. This is unfortunate since it delays or stops their development as amateur radio operators, and discourages them from obtaining higher classes of licenses.

The point is that a well rounded amateur with a general class or higher grade license can provide more public service than someone who restricts his activity only to MARS frequencies, assuming equal efforts by both operators. MARS officials have recognized this fact and do encourage their members to remain active on the amateur bands.



HERE IS DEV and Mary Jo Dean operating the Dade County ARPSC station WB4LRY, located at Pace High school in Ops Locka. Dev is WB4LBB and Mary Jo is waiting for her Novice ticket. LBB is president of DCARPSC and says they plan an Auction. Watch for ad.

(SKIP Photo)

gave an excellent account of itself by providing communications for scientists. Also exact times for the beginning and end of the eclipse were obtained through co-operation between hams and the US Naval Observatory. NOFARS organized the communications network known as the ECLIPSE NET under Lan Hoyt, W4PLE. However, the effort would not have been successful without the co-operation of many N. Fla. and S. Ga. amateurs who manned the 3 observation posts. Net control was handled by Ed Edwards, WA4SGF, and Ron Locke, W4YPP.

I am surprised and overwhelmed by the terrific response to the Florida Skip QSO Party by both local stations as well as out of state entries. NOFARS club station W4LZ operated the QSO party and except for one hitch, the operation came off well. It seems that a dog bit the cox on our 40 meter beam in half, and before it could be repaired, the rainy weather caused water to get into the cable and raise the swr. I think the Fla. QSO Party is tops in the nation judging from some of the high serial numbers coming back from out-of-state stations. One fellow gave us an incredible No. 191

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FLORIDA MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

By Herb W4LSR

We begin this column with a note of sadness for the passing of Carl, W4SOM, New Port Richie, who joined the ever growing ranks of Silent Keys during March. We are not able to go very far back in Carl's ham history. He helped to organize, and remained quite active in the Pasco County Amateur Radio Emergency Net in addition to his traffic net participation. He passed away quietly and was flown to Michigan and interred there.

Get in a QSO with Hink, K4ZED, for a most interesting account of his trip to the Virgin Islands. Briefly he spent several weeks there, working with a church group and sight seeing. He sounds real good since he put the new bakus in his antenna, and he seems real pleased with his new Collins receiver.

FMTN set a new record in March when our membership went over fifty stations. Also, it could be we also set a new record by the addition of seven new members in the month of March. We welcome Walt, W4CVO, Iverness, Ray W4GSB, St. Pete, John, W4GUJ, High Springs, Ted, W4I2Z, Cocoa, Don, W4KUZ, Titusville, Jim, W4ON2, DeLand and Fred, K4SBE, Bradon.

This will be the last issue of Skip before the Orlando Hamfest on May 23 and 24. As a member of the Orlando Amateur Radio Club I extend a very hearty welcome to all my fellow members of the FMTN, and hope you all plan to attend the FMTN luncheon on Saturday the 23rd when I hope to have an eyeball with each of you, and

especially Clyde, W4SDR, who plans to be with us.

The Net held 38 sessions in March. 907 stations handled 341 pieces of traffic. Average stations 34.8. Average traffic 13.1. See you at the Orlando Hamfest.

TROPICAL PHONE NET

Ken W4SMK

Our net manager made a little boo boo last month, and that is why the net totals did not appear in Skip. WB4FLW promises to be extra careful and get the totals in this month to Skip and the SCM.

We welcome the following new members to the TPTN, WA4GGW, George in Orlando, W4GUJ, John at High Springs, WB4HKK, Frank in Miami, WB4KUZ, Don at Titusville, WB4OPL, Tom in West Palm Beach, Don, WB4KUZ has been helping out as NCS already and is doing PB.

W4DFU at the U. of Fla. will be holding their annual Engineering Fair in April and should originate a good volume of traffic for the nets. WA4DEL and several others will be operating from W4DFU.

A few more notes on originating traffic to APO or FPO addresses. All such traffic must, I say again must, have a five digit APO or FPO Zip number in the address. There are some 127 APO and FPO numbers that cannot be accepted by MARS for radio traffic, so if you plan to be sending much military traffic get a copy of the banned numbers from your friendly local MARS member. Messages addressed to US Navy ships cannot be accepted by MARS, only exceptions are the hospital ships Repose (AH18) and Sanctuary (AH17).

Don't forget to send a buck to Fla. Skip or WAILE for your copy of the Fla. Traffic Handler's Guide. It's well worth it if you are in the traffic business, or want to know about the nets in Fla.

I plan to ask the census taker if a ham shack counts as a recreation type room on the 1970 Census report. Guess you could get some arguments on that point.

ST. PETE 7265 NET

By Rick WB4JRV

Our QTC has made an upward turn and the net is gaining, as we in it gain more experience. As always, if you work weekdays or have traffic that can't wait for Monday, check-in with us at 11 a.m. Sundays. Our meetings are quick, usually about a half hour.

We held five meetings in March. The QNI was 72 (avg. 14.8); QTC of 20 (avg. 4.0). 72, and hope to CU on the net.

FLORIDA FAA NET

By George Cooper W4EH

The Florida FAA Net meetings on Sundays 7260 has changed the time of net meetings to 1405GMT 0945E. It was agreed with all concerned that this would be a better time for everyone.

K4CDX from Milledgeville, Ga. has been a regular check in with the net. While Bill was not a member of the FAA, he trained many CW operators for the CAA during the war. His radio days dates back to 1911 with the old spark gear. A real old timer and a welcome addition to the FAA net.

For other members of the FAA who do not get a chance to check into the net, but

would like a master list of all members send a S.A.S.E. to Paul Colby, 14 Camelia Drive, Ormond Beach, Fla. 32704.

W4YB, Stark Tolman plans an extensive trip with his "Airstream" in early May and will travel into the New England states. Stark does a good job as net control when Paul W4JVA has to cut out early. Hurry back Stark you sure will be missed during the summer months.

WB4BZW, Bill Smith, IFSS Miami, checks into the net when he is not working those late evening shifts. It was also good to hear W4JL Lathier White and hope to see him on every week.

A big welcome to K4YWC, Marvin Flynn, FAA working at the Cape and recent transfer from C.Z. Ex K4ZMV, Marv using a Galaxy 3 sure puts in a big signal to ye editor W4EH.

Len Ballard, WB4AHR, Director, Civil Defense with Headquarters at Wildwood, Fla. advises very good coverage using 2 Mtr FM. Any one interested and who could help is invited to contact Len for the details.

It is hoped FAA amateurs who may not be able to make the net each and every Sunday will still find time to "drop-by" occasionally and say hello.

FPTN

By Case W4NGR

Florida Phone Traffic Net meets Monday through Saturday 1200 Zulu on or about 3940 KHz. You and your 'traffic' are more than welcome to call in. The sun is getting up so much earlier now that Spring has sprung that you wonder if you have slept past the 1200 Zulu net time.

What's good for Spring fever??? Howard, WA4CIQ is now net control for the Tuesday net. WB4HIL, Gary of St. Pete is a new NCS for Saturday mornings. John,

W4GUJ has dropped his portable sign and is now a 1st class citizen of High Springs. (there's that word Spring again). Doc, WA4UJX seems to be recovering nicely and signs in from Lakeland.

W4NGR, W4WEB and WB4EPD get together often on the Army MARS nets. Would like to hear what MARS affiliations some of you other FPTN members have. How about Country Cousins, Knights of Kiborcycle, QCWA or what have you.

Thanks to all you fine operators we had another good month in March.

Planning a vacation this year?? HAVE FUN!!

QFN REPORT



By Dan Franklin K4EHY 4

QNI: 674, QTC: 453 for 62 sessions in March, made it a good month, at least as good as 1969. Manager WB4HLW reports all QNS reports received from NCS's for the second month in a row. There were 176 new different NCS's this month.

K4VFY, Mike, will take over the net management for W. Fla. June 1. WA4NBT, Winky, has shaken up the 4RN roster somewhat with added alternate Reps assigned. With the consolidation of North and South Carolina nets, the 4RN NCS sized

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QFN	674	453	10.9	7.3	62
FPTN	574	146	22.0	5.6	26
FAST	959	146	36.9	5.6	28
TPTN	637	78	24.5	3.0	26
NHN	43	15	6.1	2.1	7

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WB4HJW	141	WA4HED	59

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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from WB4RZL concerning the formation of a new organization. We are in the process of organizing a group presently known as the "Betterment of Amateur Radio Society". H4RZL. We are meeting on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM. All are welcome to the group.

The BOARS is interested in a project such as you described. We are not yet organized and we cannot give you a firm commitment.

We hope to have an acceptable constitution ready at the Orlando Hamfest and accept charter members by their signature. At that time the interest shown will be apparent and the objective of the BOARS will be formulated. We would like to say that we can assist and will know definitely at that time.

The "Betterment of Amateur Radio Society" is a group of individuals for the purpose of sustaining our amateur privileges by participating as a well organized group in any matter pertaining to the amateur radio service. We want to sustain growth of amateur radio by sustaining those interested thereby helping them to obtain their licenses in sur-

mountain this society exists simply for the goal of the betterment of amateur radio.

This organization is not set up to fight any laws already passed by the FCC or any other law making body.

ATSLR WB4RZL WB4RZL

Editor:

My age is 50. I am radio amateur since 1962 and have a wonderful wife. We are something more about 1000.

In 1962 when I was in my first station, 40 watts AM, my wife and I had a month's honeymoon in all that happened and when I made the first contact, he was as happy as I was. During the next few years when I was on my labor during night hours she didn't go to work and she was very proud when I told her I had a contact with a new country.

Two years later when I said anything about changing the law was wonderful. I hear that she was really in my mind. But she told me to buy a new or good equipment only. The whole family was happy with me when my brand new 500 W started on the 2nd of June. A few hours after the conclusion of April 8.

Since then, my wife spent many hours with me when I was on the air and a few months ago she said to me, you must have a better antenna my dear. And so there is a

3rd Beam in the next figure.

Who do you say about my 500 W? I think a enough to give her thousand thanks for a job should be as happy as I was. And my wife is a good person. Her name is Jeppeline Hunsberger.

Please let me know who have a pay for them my letter is right on the way to you.

Please excuse my bad English I learned it myself but I am hoping you understood everything I want to tell you.

Many thanks for your kindness as best 73.

de

Josef Hunsberger

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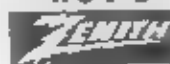
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NET NEWS

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has also been shuffled. Sun-VA, Mon-CN, Tue-CN, Wed-Fla, Thur-Fla, Fri-VA, Sa-Ga. Needed are Repeatable, Hot-shot Fla. ops to fill NCS on Thursday and alternate NCS on both Wed. and Thur. ARN will QSY to 7105 with the early session at the DST change.

WA4BGW Al is relinquishing his long held Sunday NCS spot due to moving to Crystal River and scheduled travelling for Florida Power. WA4HDH Doc. was missing due to his xyl being in the hospital. WB4HKP Frank, took Doc's Tuesday NCS trick. WB4LJW Don, has been heard frequenting the SSB nets with his new SSB XMITR. WA4LJH Mac, went to HNS 3 times. In March, but will be pretty busy with Census taking.

WA4LE, Reg, has been busy with household chores of his big family, while his xyl has been in the hospital with back in traction. K4KE Dave, must be having a ball with his new Signal One, as he hasn't been on the net too much. W4JDM. Whee has sure become a fixture on the net, attending 58 out of 61 sessions in March. He is still having some eye trouble but that doesn't stop him from punching the key. Wish he would let his xyl sit that key once in a while though. WB4KUZ, Don, is Timsville, has been doing a fine job as SSB hostess. K4ENY is QRL with a scheduled 24 hour day, not leaving much time for sleeping or Ham radio. Remember Early used to now on 40 meters.

FLAMINGO TRANSMITTER HUNT

Sunday afternoon April 5th seven Flamingo mobiles searched the entire Northeast Bay area of Miami, north of 29th Street and found the hidden transmitter operating on 28.044 AM. W4GGJ Kirk did a good job of hiding his mobile empiru, complete with it's own storage battery and power supply. It is hard to believe there is any deserted woods left in the bay area, but there he was almost out of site.

W4DTJ Carl, came in first after about an hour and a half search. W4ABJ Phil followed close behind, with W4LL. W4GJ coming in third. In the following order W4MVA, W4JJO, W4CZY, W4CZX and K4TT dragged up the rear within the next half hour. Several visitors showed up for the hunt including W44QDH to celebrate his third week of ham radio. Over half of the group are celebrating their 40th year of ham radio, no kidding.

The regular meeting of the Flamingo net is 1:30 P.M. every Friday evening with W4GJ net control on 28.044 AM only. Presently we have a little over 20 regular members active D.P.M. with 200 honorary members across the nation. Most of our mobiles have signed up for ARRLC mobile 10 meter operation, but of course our main objective is good social



HERE, HAND POISED BEFORE the bug is Grover, W4DFZ, vice president of the Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club. Retired from the telephone company, Grover is active on forty and seventy-five. Look for his column in SKIP on his favorite club — VBARC.

comradeship on the 10 meter band in the Miami area. Visiting ship stations are always welcome and are invited to join the net. See you on Flamingo Friday.

W4JO

GATOR NET

Ev. Battery W4LA

We were sorry to lose the services of Jim, K4FQP as NCS. He continues 7440 from 8:30 to 9 a.m. for St. Pete traffic however. W4EHW has taken the Monday slot.

It is good to see some new calls on our

QTY list. Please continue to come in whenever you can follow us. We missed Tom, K4CGL several days during March because of illness. Trust things are on the mend.

The following qualified for Gator Net certificates during the period Dec-Jan. Feb. K4GJ, W4LA, K4JLM, W4YFX, WB4HKP, Feb. Mar. and W4RC. Mar. are on the way to the necessary three consecutive months of 10-or-more QNT's. It is a pleasure for me to be associated with G4. Many thanks for your fine support. 73 Ev.

THE NERVOUS NOVICE

By Stu Pidd

Dah dit dah dit, dah dah dit dah. Three times slowly, the teacher had said, then send out your call slowly. What happens if someone answers? Oh, you'll be alright, was the reply. Now, the big moment had arrived. I hoped that the world was ready for me. Frantic twisting of the dials on the receiver had no result except to increase the static. No one had heard me, thought the Novice. Just then the phone rang. A harsh voice snarled, "Hey," it said, "Are you W4SKEF?" "I am," was the reply, "What can I do for you?" "You can get the heck off the 20 meter band."

That's funny, I thought, I am crystal controlled on 15 meters and the teacher had told us that we could not go wrong. The voice continued, "If you are not careful you will hear from the FCC." I had read about the terrible things they would do to any poor novice who strayed into the wrong band, so I shut everything off and went to bed.

I did not sleep, just tossed and turned, wondering if the FCC had heard me. My dreams were interrupted by a banging on the front door and a voice yelling something which sounded like "Hogan's Goat." That was the favorite expression of the teacher in the radio class. What could he be doing here at three o'clock in the morning? He told me that he had been sent by the FCC to inform me that I had fouled up the 20 meter band and he was here to mete out my punishment. He belted me and proceeded to beat the tar out of me. I wished that I had paid more attention when the old goat was telling us how to load that darned antenna. Two more guys had joined in the fun. Strangely, they were living images of the first. So now I was being cllobbered by three Ted Ryans.

It certainly does not pay to offend the FCC. Stay awake in class you novices. It could happen to you. Some day, when the bruises heal I will try again. Meanwhile, if anyone out there has some spare time I would appreciate it very much if he would drop into the shack and give me a little moral support while I Tune Up.

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FOR SALE: SX-100 general coverage plus ham bands with speaker \$80.00. Mini-Vert C-4, 5, 10, 15, 20 meters, extra spoked, little used \$20.00. Autronic Key and Keyer \$45.00. a.c. code machine, army type with hours of tape, fine for large class \$25.00. All above excellent condition with manuals. WANTED 2 meter transceiver. Edwin C. Packham, 251 So. Golf Blvd., Pompano Beach, Fla. 33064 Phone 941-4811.

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FROM HERE AND THERE

"I am not active in amateur radio at the moment, but I couldn't resist renewing my subscription. WB4LHZ, Miami. . . Passed General exam Dec. 4th. Santa sure was good this year. WB4HZK, Leisure City. . . Pet peeve is people who say CB'ers are stupid. This is one who isn't. WA4FZV, Miami. . . Pet Peeve: I have an antenna array on the QTH roof. The CB'ers in the area cause considerable 'noise' that I get blame for. What do the other licensed hams do about this? I have taped some "gooney birds", music, swearing and illegal transmissions on Channel 9. . . WA4SYF, Jacksonville.

ORLANDO HAMFEST FACTS

There seems to be a bit of confusion regarding the terminology used by the Hamfest Motel, The HILTON.

A SINGLE means one King Size Bed in the room.

A DOUBLE means one King Size bed for two people.

A DOUBLE DOUBLE means two King Size beds which will accommodate either two or four people or a couple and two younger children, or four children, well anyway I hope that clarifies it.

The Rates quoted are CONVENTION rates, as the Hilton tells me they are going to increase their regular rates, so please make reservations for rooms thru me to get convention rates or it will cost you more.

If you have a P.O. Box or Rural Route address please include a phone number with your reservation so I can include it in my message confirming reservations, saves postage and time of the delivering station.

The CUT OFF DATE for ADVANCE room Reservations will be May 13, 1970. Will try other motels in Orlando when Hilton is filled.

Remember that checkout time at the Hilton is 2 P.M. so don't hit the panic button if your room isn't ready at 8 A.M. Be patient, remember you will be in your room until 2 P.M. with someone waiting for you to leave so they can move in.

73 W4BKC

HUNTING THE ELUSIVE QSO

(To the tune of Oh how I miss you tonight.)

Oh how I C-Q-D last night.
C Q D when lights were low.
Things didn't seem to go right.
As I tried for a Q S O.
I gave my call with each 'shout',
But it seems there was no one about.

Perhaps my set was balking,
Or no one left like talking,
But again I will 'seek' you tonight.
David Michaels WB4OHH

- COMING EVENTS -

May 17	St. Pete Hamfest
May 23-24	Orlando Hamfest
June 12-13-14	BARS Campore, Dade City
June 27-28	ARRL Field Day
Sept. 12	Platinum Coast ARS Hamfest, Melbourne
Jan. 23-24 1971	Miami Hamboree

- SEND US YOUR UPCOMING EVENTS -



OLE GEORGE FINALLY PASSED HIS AMATEUR EXTRA AND IS SWEATING OUT HIS TICKET FROM FRANK CHARLIE CHARLIE.

AMATEURS HELP RED CROSS

Hillsborough County EC, Ray Murphy, W4BNE and an appointed committee chaired by John Fogarty, W4CI of the Tampa Amateur Radio Club (TARC) (W4DUG), offered their services to the Tampa Chapter American Red Cross to send Easter greeting messages to overseas and state-side personnel, the emphasis being on military and civilian personnel away from home.

The Red Cross made available to the radio amateurs a room at headquarters for a communications center. Work groups by TARC were set up, antennas and equipment installed, and on Monday, March 16 at 10 a.m. the exercise was under way. This continued through the middle of the following week with approximately 150 messages being sent from the local area to all over the world via amateur radio and MARS (Military Affiliate Radio Service). No effort was made to handle traffic outside the local area as the purpose of the exercise was to coordinate the radio amateurs, MARS, and the Red

Cross to handle welfare traffic in case of an emergency.

Operations for this exercise were on 40 meters for the long hauls and 6 and 2 meters for the local and relays to the MARS base. Equipment for operation on these frequencies was loaned by the Hillsborough County Civil Defense organization and several of the local radio amateurs.

Radio amateurs who participated in the construction and operations were: W4BNE, Ray, Hillsborough County EC, W4BNI, Ralph, MARS coordinator and Net Manager assisted by Dick Moore, W4TTC, MARS BASE NCO IC; Don Wilson, WB4NDG, Ass't NCO IC; WB4THT, George Orth, (Full Time MARS Operator); K4GT, Frank; WB4DJM, "O.G.", Dodson; WB4MLF Jim Hoehne; WB4FAF, Herb Granger, John Fogarty, W4CI, T.A.R.C. Operations Coordinator, assisted by WB4DNZ, Bill Hollyhead, WA4COP, Dan Reynolds; K4JFF, Earl Miller; and Gordon Callender, amateur student.

FREE HURRICANE MAP

Once again FLORIDA SKIP is offering to our subscribers a free Official U.S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau map measuring 14x18 inches with polar stereographic projection and longitude-latitude plotting dots. Perfect for all the hurricanes we are going to get this year. We have a limited supply and require a

EDITOR RECOGNIZED

SKIP editor and East Florida SEC Andy Clark, W4IYT, was recently recognized by the Dade County Chapter of the American Red Cross for more than fifteen years of dedicated service to that organization. He and other Miami-area hams were awarded pins by the Red Cross for their service in public ceremonies held Sunday, March 22, 1970 at Temple Israel, Miami.

Andy was awarded a pin for his volunteer work in disaster services. During this period he has kept three Red Cross stations at K4IWT running, both as station architect and as club trustee.

Four other Miami hams were recognized for multiple years of volunteer service at the same ceremonies. Don Murray, K4FMA, Stan Offenhutter, K4BLM, and Frank Orcutt, W4JO, were recognized for their decade of service to the Red Cross. Ernie Tischer, K4KIC, was awarded a five year pin.

During the many years that W4IYT and the other have kept K4IWT on the air, a number of disastrous hurricanes have hit Dade County, many wiping out all other communications. As an example of Andy's work, since the antennas at the Red Cross stations were first erected in 1957 they have never been damaged by the high winds and heavy waters of any hurricane. —ABY

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

It disgusts me to hear a soured old timer belittling a newcomer simply on the length of time he has been an amateur. I can't help but believe that such a person is a bit jealous because he doesn't know the difference between a PNP and a NPN transistor and the kid does!

What some of these morose individuals fail to realize is that there comes a time in every man's life, if he lives long enough, where he stops climbing and starts down the other side of the ladder. This he should become aware of and try to do in a gracious manner and not spoil a good record he previously may have made.

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WB4REV